

Committee Meetings

FY 2011 BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on Appropriations: Held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget and Economic Outlook. Testimony was heard from Peter R. Orszag, Director, OMB; Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury; and Christina Romer, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Justice FY 2011 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: Environmental Management, Legacy Management, 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ines Triay, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and David Geiser, Acting Director, Office of Legacy Management.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2011 Citizenship and Immigration Services Budget. Testimony was heard from Alejandro "Ali" Mayorkas, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Preserving America's Culture and National Treasures: The National Park Service FY 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Strengthening Intermodal Connections and Improving Freight Mobility: An Outside Perspective. Testimony was heard from Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

MILITARY SERVICES' OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE FUNDING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the military services' operation and maintenance funding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, USA; ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, USN; GEN James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant, USMC; and GEN Carrol H. Chandler, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, USAF.

U.S. STRATEGIC FORCES STATUS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on status of United States strategic forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Kevin P. Chilton, USAF, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; and James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Policy.

MODERNIZING OSHA PENALTIES

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Protecting America's Workers Act: Modernizing OSHA Penalties. Testimony was heard from David Michaels, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; John C. Cruden, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 847, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009.

REBUILDING HAITI'S COMPETITIVENESS AND PRIVATE SECTOR

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy, and Trade held a hearing entitled "Rebuilding Haiti's Competitiveness

and Private Sector.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEMA REGIONAL OFFICES RESOURCES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Strong FEMA Regional Offices: An Examination of Resources and Responsibilities.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of FEMA, Department of Homeland Security: David Garratt, Associate Administrator; and Tony Russell, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 6; Brock Long, Director, Emergency Management Agency, State of Alabama; and a public witness.

HOMELAND SECURITY—SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4842, Homeland Security Science and Technology Authorization Act of 2010.

DEMOCRACY RESTORATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on H.R. 3335, Democracy Restoration Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FISHERMEN’S CATCH SHARES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on Catch Shares as a Management Option: Criteria for Ensuring Success. Testimony was heard from Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE WORKPLACE SECURITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “Federal Employee Workplace Security.” Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Steven Miller, Deputy Commissioner, Services and Enforcement, IRS, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Sue Armstrong, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Protection; and Gary Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service, National Protection and Programs Directorate; Guy Cottrell, Deputy Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

U.S. AID TO PAKISTAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings entitled, “U.S. Aid to Pakistan (Part II): Planning and Accountability.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Daniel Feldman, Deputy to the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan; and James A. Bever, Director, Afghanistan-Pakistan Task Force, and Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia and Near East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development.

RARE EARTH MINERALS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Rare Earth Minerals and 21st Century Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SCIENCE-TECH-ENGINEERING-MATH EDUCATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Broadening Participation in STEM. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL TAXPAYER ADVOCATE’S 2009 REPORT—PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY TAXPAYERS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the National Taxpayer Advocate’s 2009 Report to Congress on the most serious problems encountered by taxpayers. Testimony was heard from Nina E. Olson, Office of the National Taxpayer Advocate.

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATION BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program/National Reconnaissance Organization Budget for FY 2011. Testimony was heard from GEN. Bruce Carlson, USAF, (ret.), Director, National Reconnaissance Organization.

BLACK CARBON POLLUTION

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Clearing the Smoke: Understanding the Impacts of Black Carbon Pollution.” Testimony was heard from Drew Shindell, Senior Scientist, NASA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

U.S. POLICY REGARDING UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Ukraine, focusing on the new challenges and prospects they face domestically and internationally and implications for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Daniel A. Russell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova; and Damon Wilson, Atlantic Council International Security Program, and Anders Aslund, Peterson Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the United States Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Navy, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be followed by a closed session at 4 p.m. in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine financial services and products, focusing on the role of the Federal Trade Commission in protecting consumers, part 2, 3 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Lane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 553, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, S. 1017, to reauthorize the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission and expand the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area in the State of Louisiana, S. 1018, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, S. 1537, to authorize the Secretary of the In-

terior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to designate the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Birthplace and Childhood Home in Cresco, Iowa, as a National Historic Site and as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the state of Illinois, S. 2892, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 2933, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2951, to authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, 3:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's investigation of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) efforts to protect children's health, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on the Obama Administration's ESEA reauthorization priorities, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas day attack, focusing on intelligence reform and interagency integration, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine bankruptcy reform, focusing on small business jobs, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine seniors, focusing on rising drug prices and the Part D program, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on NOAA FY 2011 Budget, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on FBI FY 2011 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Contingency Contracting, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability 2011 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on FY 2011 Budget for the SEC, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.